Community Recreation Facilities Assessment Study
Phase 1 - Inventory

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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This section of the report provides a summary of the key aspects of the facility inventory study process and database.

1.1 Background

The scope of the study was to produce an inventory, in the form of a database, of four types of community recreation facilities owned and/or operated by local municipalities in British Columbia. This work is the first phase of a multi-phase project intended to provide accurate information on the state of community recreation facilities throughout the province. Funding for this phase has been received from 2010 Legacies Now, the Sport and Physical Activity Branch of the Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women’s Services and Pacific Sport.

The project objectives were as follows:

- To provide assistance to communities throughout British Columbia in evaluating the lifecycle stage of their facilities
- To provide guidance and information to these communities related to the upgrading, maintenance or replacement of existing facilities
- To ensure that British Columbians have access to the facilities they need in order to live healthy, active lifestyles.

1.2 Facility Life Cycle Stages

One of the key aspects of the inventory is to provide the framework for a more detailed assessment of general facility condition during subsequent phases of the study. One component of the database that assists in this regard is the life cycle classification. This type of categorization is helpful in building an understanding of the general state of our facilities. Typically, all facilities follow a similar pattern whereby operational costs and the need for significant capital upgrades increase dramatically as the facility ages. For this purpose, we have identified five facility life cycle stages according to their ages.

- Stage 1 – Planning
- Stage 2 – 1 to 14 years old
- Stage 3 – 15 to 24 years old
- Stage 4 – 25 to 34 years old
- Stage 5 – 35 years and older

Facility life cycle stage assumptions are generalizations and the actual condition of each facility will vary. It is not the intent of this report to provide detailed facility assessment information as this issue is intended to be addressed during subsequent phases of the Community Recreation Facilities Assessment Study.